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Inventor: Rock Mongrain  
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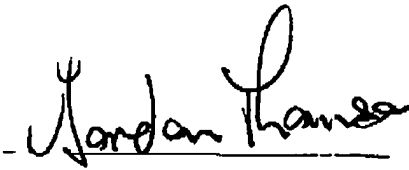
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**AMENDMENT A**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on 09/22/2004, please amend the above-titled application as follows: